Comparative study on aircraft accidents

1061. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence/Indian Air Force have done a comparative study of the aircraft accidents in India and other countries of the world;

(b) if so, what is the comparative aircraft sortie to accident ratio in India and other countries of the world; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not undertaking the study?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information on accident rates of other countries is not available for a comparative study. Moreover, a study would not give a correct picture of aircraft accidents as there are differences in the type of flying carried out, aircraft flown, flying environment, technological advances etc.

Corruption in C.S.D.

1062. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of widespread corruption in the Canteen Stores Department regarding purchase of various items that are canalized through this organization;

(b) if so, whether the norms for the purchase of the alcoholic beverages are consistent with overall purchase policies or whether there are different norms governing such purchases; and

(c) whether the Servicemen are receiving their wide choice of products that are available in the market or whether the Canteen Stores Department purchase organization is restricting the choice through their restrictive purchase policies?